

Appln No. 10/037,414

Amdt date July 29, 2004

Reply to Office action of January 29, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3-7, 10-14 and 19-57 are now pending, as claims 8 and 15-18 have been withdrawn, claims 1, 2 and 9 have been cancelled and new claims 19-57 have been inserted.

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action of January 29, 2004 which raised various issues regarding the drawings, the specification and the claims. Moreover, claims 1-7 and 9-14 have been rejected under Section 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In view of the amendments herein and the following remarks, Applicant submits that the rejection under Section 112 has been traversed.

At the outset, Applicant appreciates the detailed comments and suggestions provided in the Office action. Applicant has corrected the drawings and amended the specification to address the concern over reference numbers that were in the drawings but not mentioned in the specification. Applicant has also made other clarifications, such as renumbering the Figures.

Applicant has also corrected the specification to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Furthermore, claims 1, 2 and 9 have been cancelled, claims 3-7 and 10-14 have been amended to address the issues raised under Section 112 and new claims 19-57 have been added (with claims 19, 28, 36 and 57 being independent claims). No new matter has been introduced.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that it has placed the application in conformity with the requirements of

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Section 112. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments.

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